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FRANKFURT AND VIENNA FOR INS AND CONSUL

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SUBJECT: REFUGEES: DANISH CONTROVERSY OVER GRANTING
ASYLUM TO "BATORY" PASSENGERS

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1. DANISH ALIEN POLICE CHIEF SOREN SORENSEN HAS CREATED
CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY BY SAYING IN PRESS INTERVIEW
PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 4 THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO MINJUSTICE
THAT FOUR POLES LEAVING "BATORY" IN DENMARK NOT REPEAT NOT
BE GIVEN ASYLUM HERE. (SORENSEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES
INCLUDE INITIAL DETERMINATION ON BONA FIDES OF ALL SUCH
ASYLUM APPLICANTS.) HE TOLD NEWSMEN HE BELIEVED THESE
POLES PROBABLY DEFECTED FOR ECONOMIC REASONS RATHER THAN
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TO ESCAPE POLITICAL PERSECUTION. (THESE FOUR AND

SZUSTAKOWSKI - SEE REFTTEL - ARE ONLY "BATORY" PASSENGERS SURFACING SO FAR.) DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL (DRC) SUSPECTS THIS MAY BE ALL WHO ACTUALLY LEFT SHIP.

2. INTERVIEW HAS AROUSED CONCERN AMONG MEDIA PEOPLE, REFUGEE WORKERS, AND POLITICIANS, AND LED TO QUESTION IN FOLKETING BY CONSERVATIVE DEPUTY. MINJUSTICE NATHALIA LIND HAS NOW ISSUED STATEMENT PROMISING THAT SHE WOULD CONSIDER THESE ASYLUM APPLICATIONS CAREFULLY, TAKING DENMARK'S TRADITIONAL REFUGEE POLICY INTO ACCOUNT. DRC OFFICIALS BELIEVE SORESENSEN IS TRYING TO USE "BATORY" CASES TO GET HIS STRICT VIEWS ON REFUGEES ACCEPTED AS DANISH POLICY. THEY THINK HE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO LINE BY HIS SUPERIORS, WHO PROBABLY VIEW HIS STATEMENT AS EMBARRASSING.

3. ALTHOUGH WHAT FACE-SAVING DEVICE WILL BE DEVELOPED IS NOT YET CLEAR, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT POLES WILL SOMEHOW OR OTHER ESCAPE FORCIBLE RETURN TO POLAND. ONE POSSIBLE WAY OUT MAY BE TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PUBLICIZED DEFECTIONS A LA "BATORY" AND INDIVIDUAL CASES, WHICH DO NOT ATTRACT ATTENTION OF EITHER DANISH PUBLIC OR POLISH GOVERNMENT.

4. POLISH EMBASSY HAS CHIMED IN WITH ASSURANCES THAT PERSONS WHO LEFT BATORY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SIMPLY HAVING MISSED SAILING AND COULD THEREFORE RETURN TO POLAND WITHOUT RISKING PUNISHMENT. FIRST SECRETARY STEFAN STEFANSKI TOLD PRESS THAT EVERY POLISH CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED PASSPORT CAN RESIDE FREELY ABROAD AS LONG AS PASSPORT IS VALID. THEY COULD ONLY BE PUNISHED IF THEY ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR DAMAGED POLISH STATE INTERESTS. HE REPORTEDLY ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT EFFECT SEEKING ASYLUM ABROAD WOULD HAVE, AS HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THAT ASPECT OF POLISH LAW.

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